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ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR THE

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF IDIOTS & IMBECILES

BELONGING TO

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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	£	s.	d.
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Miss Tatham, Lancaster	1,000	0	0
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William Welch, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
Thomas Woods, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
	<u>£30,390</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is established for the care and education of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The Asylum is about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of 86 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. The Asylum has accommodation for 600 inmates, exclusive of staff, and its arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Education includes not only such rudimentary scholastic instruction as is suitable to the feeble intellects of the patients, but embraces also a course of training in the more practical matters of daily life; the cultivation of habits of cleanliness, propriety and self-reliance; and the development of a capacity for useful occupation. In promotion of these objects, patients receive such physical education, and such medical, moral, and hygienic treatment as their peculiar and varied conditions may require.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are ineligible for admission; and those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

PATIENTS.—Two Classes of patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—On the demise of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift will be vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, meeting at Lancaster, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district. The Representatives are annually elected.

There is still a considerable Debt on Building Account, for the extinction of which Donations are earnestly solicited; and Annual Subscriptions for the Maintenance of the Institution are also greatly needed. For want of funds, only one-half of the accommodation provided is as yet utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly Appeal for further Help.

EDWARD DENIS DE VITRE, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTER.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Town Hall, Chester, on Friday, October 20th, 1876,

THE RIGHT HON. LORD EGERTON OF TATTON,

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggens) presented the report of the Central Committee, and the Chairman addressed the meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were then unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented; and cordially congratulates the Central Committee upon the abundant evidence therein afforded of the satisfactory progress of the work of the Institution in all its departments.

Moved by His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G.; seconded by The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester; and supported by Dr. E. D. de Vitre, Chairman of the Central Committee.

- 2.—That this Meeting cordially approves the formation in each County of a Ladies' Association similar in organisation to that which has been so successfully worked in the County of Durham during the past two years; and this Meeting earnestly invites the valuable co-operation of the Ladies of the County Palatine of Chester.

Moved by The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester; seconded by E. M. Fenwick, Esq., Burrow Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

- 3.—That the best thanks of the Subscribers be now given to those Gentlemen resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, who have so disinterestedly acted as the Executive of the Central Committee, and whose unremitting labours for many years have contributed so signally to the success of the Institution; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 24, hereby re-appoints those Gentlemen members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year:—

Dr. E. DENIS DE VITRE.	T. HOWITT, Esq. F.R.C.S.	WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Esq.
REV. DAVID DAVIS, B.A.	HENRY HADWEN, Esq.	JOHN SHARP, Esq.
HENRY GARNETT, Esq.	JAMES CARTER MOON, Esq.	J. P. C. STARKIE, Esq., M.P.
JAMES GRANT, Esq.	WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.	THOMAS STOREY, Esq.
J. S. HARRISON, Esq. F.R.C.S.	Rev. C. T. ROYDS, M.A.	LIEUT.-COLONEL THORNHILL.

Moved by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., Manchester; seconded by Christopher Bushell, Esq., of Hinderton, Chester.

- 4.—That this Meeting expresses its grateful acknowledgments to the Cheshire Committee for their influential support of the Asylum; and respectfully requests the following Noblemen and Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act in the same capacity for the promotion of the objects of the Asylum:—

Moved by Piers Egerton Warburton, Esq., M.P.; seconded by Randle Wilbraham Esq., Rode Hall, Cheshire.

- 5.—That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev. D. Davis, B.A., Honorary Auditor, and to Mr. William G. Welch, Professional Auditor, for their painstaking and thorough investigation of the Accounts of the Asylum for the past year; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year, Thomas Howitt, Esq., F.R.C.S., J.P., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. William G. Welch as Professional Auditor.

Moved by Lieutenant-Colonel King, Birkenhead; seconded by Samuel Stitt, Esq., Birkenhead.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Halifax on Wednesday, September 26th, 1877, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, York, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Carlisle, Kendal, Durham, and Newcastle newspapers.

Moved by His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G.; seconded by General Fairchild, U.S. Consul at Liverpool.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was moved by The Sheriff of Chester; and seconded by Samuel Rigby, Esq., Warrington.



REPORT

*Presented to the Subscribers, at the General Annual Meeting, held at
Chester, on Friday, October 20th, 1876.*

In presenting to the Subscribers their Twelfth Annual Report since the Royal Albert Asylum was instituted, and the Sixth Annual Report since it was opened, the Central Committee refer with satisfaction to the progress of their benevolent work during the past year. It is with devout thankfulness that the Committee acknowledge the continued prosperity and increased usefulness of the Institution.

The Central Committee have steadily kept in view the desirability of the extinction of the debt on General Fund Account (from which is defrayed the cost of the Estate, Buildings, Fittings, Furniture, &c.), and they are glad to be able to report that, through the liberality of many generous friends, they are gradually accomplishing this excellent object. The Balance due to the Lancaster Banking Company on this account has been reduced from £11,581 13s. 7d., at which it stood on the 30th of June, 1875, to £3,896 10s. 4d., owing on the 30th of June, 1876. A fine Estate of 86 acres has been acquired and suitably laid out for Farm, Grounds, Garden, &c.; all the expenses connected with the erection of the Asylum and other buildings (excepting £2,000 which will have to be spent during the current year for Cottages) have been defrayed; and an income has been raised which is, at present, sufficient for the maintenance of 300 patients—about one-half of the number which the Asylum is capable of accommodating.

Every care has been taken by the Committee to secure for the Subscribers, at a comparatively small cost, a group of Buildings of unrivalled completeness for the purpose of the education and training of Imbeciles. The Asylum is elegant in its proportions, combining a handsome general effect with plainness of detail. Under the Committee's diligent and most anxious supervision, the Architect has faithfully carried out his instructions to erect a building as perfectly adapted as possible to the various and peculiar wants of the afflicted class for which it was intended. It is uniformly regarded by competent authorities

as admirably planned, well constructed, and efficiently appointed; and, with the blessing of God, it is no doubt destined to afford shelter and the means of training to many generations of imbeciles.

The success of the last General Annual Meeting at Sheffield was largely due to the ability, energy, and munificent hospitality of the Chairman of the Local Committee, Mr. F. T. Mappin. In his earnest endeavours to serve the interests of the Asylum, Mr. Mappin had the cordial co-operation of Mr. S. Roberts, the Treasurer; the Rev. S. Earnshaw, M.A., a member of the Central and Local Committees; Mr. R. E. Leader and Mr. Edward Birks, Honorary Secretaries. To Mr. Mappin the Committee are indebted for the Banquet, the expense of which was entirely defrayed by that gentleman. How noble and widely appreciated was the hospitality is evident from the fact that about 200 guests were present. The Earl of Wharncliffe, who presided at the Annual Meeting, delivered another able address, lucidly tracing the progress which had been made in the ten years since he had first advocated the claims of the Asylum upon the benevolence of the people of Sheffield. His Lordship also most forcibly described the methods of training adopted in the Asylum. There was a large attendance of the Central Committee and other friends from a distance, and the entire amount of new contributions was £2,588, of which about £1,100 was given by local friends. An earnest interest in the Asylum was manifested, both at the Meeting and at the subsequent Banquet. The great advantage of such gatherings in different parts of the wide district of the Seven Northern Counties, in tending to localise the Institution and in making its work generally known, is obvious. The Subscribers in all parts of the district are also enabled to exercise a very appreciable influence upon the management of the Institution.

During the year public meetings have also been held at Bury and Oldham. The Bury meeting was presided over by the Rev. Canon Hornby, Chairman of the Local Committee; the attendance was influential though small; and the amount obtained was £430. Oldham was one of the first towns to be visited when the Institution was being promoted, and the Central Committee were urged to renew their acquaintance with that thriving district. The pecuniary result of the Oldham meeting, at which Lieutenant-Colonel Lees, Chairman of the Local Committee, presided, was most satisfactory, amounting to £720. The Central Committee trust that the zealous labours of the influential Local Committees at both places will lead to still more gratifying results. Dr. E. D. de Vitre, Mr. J. T. Hibbert, the Rev. J. S. Birley,

Mr. T. Howitt, and Mr. R. Hurst, were the Deputation from the Central Committee.

The Election meeting at Manchester, in May last, which was held in the Town Hall, under the presidency of Mr. J. T. Hibbert, Chairman of the Lancashire Committee, was the occasion of some earnest speeches from old friends of the Asylum; and the cordial interest in the Institution which was then manifested again showed how thoroughly Manchester has identified itself with every effort to promote its success. A touching incident in connection with that meeting was the testimony spontaneously borne by the father of one of the patients, as to the inestimable boon which the Institution had been to him in providing for the care and training of his imbecile boy, who had greatly improved by the instruction he had already received.

In the last Annual Report special mention was made of "The County of Durham Ladies' Association" for obtaining, by ramifications and active agents in every part of the county, a large amount of support in small contributions. The organisation was spontaneously originated by the ladies of Durham, foremost among whom was Miss Jane Hays, the Honorary Secretary, who was one of the most earnest and indefatigable friends the Institution has ever had. It is now the painful duty of the Committee to record the death of Miss Hays. The loss is most severe. She interested herself not only in the pecuniary welfare of the Institution, but also in bringing to light many cases of imbeciles whose friends would otherwise have remained in ignorance of any place where the sad condition of their afflicted ones could be ameliorated. How much can be accomplished by the resolute and well-directed efforts of the ladies is illustrated by the establishment of this Association; and the Committee would again commend to the ladies of the other counties what has been done by the ladies of Durham. Were a similar Association to be organised and set to work in each county, the Debt would soon disappear, and the Maintenance Fund would soon be equal to the demands upon it. It is a painful fact that at successive elections there are thrice as many eligible candidates as there are vacancies. The means to support these applicants might easily be raised through the agency of Ladies' Associations; and the work would be free from many of the objections, which, with more or less reason, are sometimes urged against Bazaars.

The Committee have also to deplore the death of the late Mayor of Liverpool (Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson), who not long before had arranged, through the kind influence of Mr. Edward Lawrence, Chairman of the Liverpool Local Committee, to bring the claims of the

Asylum prominently before his fellow-townsmen, and whose appeal would, no doubt, have received a generous response. It was quite expected that Liverpool, which was the first town after Lancaster to support the project, would, under such favourable circumstances, have largely contributed towards the extinction of the debt.

It will be readily understood that the immediate management of the Institution necessarily devolves upon the Lancaster members of the Central Committee. One of their number, Mr. E. Dawson, of Aldcliffe Hall, who, though of ripe years, was among the most zealous of its promoters, has in the past year entered into his rest, and it has been difficult to supply the vacancy thus created. A former member of the Central Committee, Mr. Thomas Storey, has consented to succeed the late Mr. Dawson, and is therefore nominated to-day.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the following munificent Donations received during the past year:—

A Friend, per Wm. Gray, Esq., York	£1000.
Mrs. Turner, Dingle Head, Liverpool, "in memory of her Husband, Charles Turner, Esq., M.P."	£1000.
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Sons, Leeds, additional, making £1,052 10s.	£750.
John Fielden, Esq., Dobroyd Castle, Todmorden, per R. Hurst, Esq.	£500.
Messrs. Storey Bros. & Co., Lancaster, additional, making £1,050	£420.

The Committee also acknowledge with gratitude a Special Donation of £2,000 from a liberal-minded friend, who had intended to bequeath that amount, but who, having ascertained that on account of the distance of the Asylum from Lancaster, cottages for the *employes* were much needed on the Asylum Estate, determined to pay over the amount at once to the Secretary, on certain reciprocal conditions. The anonymous benefactor will, it is hoped, live long to know that his generous consideration has been of great service to the Institution. The Committee have also in contemplation that some of these cottages may be partly utilised for the re-introduction into ordinary life of some of the most intelligent and improved pupils.

The Contributions of the Seven Associated Counties, to the 30th September, both to the General and Maintenance Funds, are as follows:—

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASHIRE	49,551	7	6	1,428	16	0
YORKSHIRE	40,527	18	6	1,044	2	6
WESTMORLAND	3,315	1	5	97	4	0
CUMBERLAND	2,581	0	7	139	2	6
CHESHIRE	2,486	6	6	95	17	0
DURHAM	2,236	17	2	588	9	2
NORTHUMBERLAND	866	13	8	55	5	0
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	£101,565	5	4	£3,448	16	2

In the General Fund there has been an increase of £10,062 19s. 5d.; and a net increase of £246 14s. in the Maintenance Fund. The Annual Subscriptions constitute a very unstable source of income. Subscriptions are often given to promote the election of particular candidates, and when those candidates are once on the foundation, the Subscriptions cease. It is a source of income which immediately feels the pressure of bad times. But, notwithstanding, the Committee think that it ought not to be difficult to raise in seven such wealthy and populous Counties as are associated in support of the Royal Albert Asylum, an income of £10,000 a year from this source. That amount raised in Annual Subscriptions would necessarily entail considerable expense in collection; and Subscribers are most respectfully urged to make their payments through local agencies or direct to the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), so as to reduce the expense of collection to a minimum. In Cumberland the Subscriptions are almost exclusively paid to the Local Treasurer, R. A. Allison, Esq., as they are at Sheffield, Southport, Settle, and many other places, to the Local Treasurer or Secretary.

The Sustentation Fund, which is capitalised, and only the interest of which is available for current expenses, has received a handsome addition in a legacy of £2,000, free of duty, bequeathed by the late Miss E. A. Cort, of Kirkby, Liverpool. This legacy was paid too late to appear in the Balance Sheet, which is made up to the 30th of June. Miss Cort and her sister, Miss Mary Cort, had previously contributed 1,000 guineas for a Life Presentation. A legacy of £100 has also been received from the executors of the late Mr. Thomas Lamb, of Hay Carr, Lancaster; and an intimation has just been received that a legacy of £500 has been bequeathed by the late Mr. George Wood, of the Grange, Salford. Including this promise, the Sustentation Fund now amounts to £50,894 11s. 1d.

Collections in aid of the funds of the Asylum have been made, during the year, by

Rev. Dr. Allen, Parish Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. G. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. R. Atkinson, Cockerham Church.
 Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's, Ellel, Lancaster.
 Rev. E. Green, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
 Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Settle.
 Rev. Rowley Hill, Sheffield Parish Church.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. P. C. Kidd, Parish Church, Skipton.
 Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Rev. Robert Martin, Irlam Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Thos. Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Church, and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Lancaster.

Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. T. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton

The Committee again appeal to the Clergy and to Ministers of all denominations to aid them in their benevolent work. The pecuniary results of such agency should form an important item in the year's income, and the beneficial influence of advocating from the pulpit the claims of the Asylum, and of giving information about its operations, would greatly assist the Committee.

Of the 290 patients now in the Asylum, 120 belong to Lancashire, 91 to Yorkshire, 24 to Durham, 20 to Cheshire, 16 to Northumberland, 12 to Cumberland, and 5 to Westmorland. Two full-payment patients belong to Counties not included in the Asylum district

An Autumnal Election of Patients has probably been expected by the Subscribers. It would have been gladly arranged for, but a reference to the Balance Sheet will show that the Committee would scarcely have been justified in taking such a step. It being the first year when all the expenses have been charged to Maintenance Account, the balance in favour of that account has been reduced from £1,935 10s. 4d., at which it stood at the beginning of the financial year, to £17 14s. 7d. at its close. This transitional period necessitated caution on the part of the Committee in contracting fresh obligations. Still, while there is so much spare accommodation and so many urgent applications, it is painful to postpone admissions; and the Central Committee earnestly commend these weighty considerations to the attention of active Subscribers and Local Committees, to whose exertions in its behalf the Institution is already so much indebted. The income from Annual Subscriptions, after allowing for deductions on account of the deaths of old Subscribers, badness of trade, and the temporary character of many of the subscriptions, should be largely augmented; and the Committee will most gratefully esteem any assistance rendered them in their endeavours to accomplish this desirable object. It should be remembered that the administrative expenses will not much increase with the growth of the Institution, and that the cost per head will therefore decline in proportion to the increase of numbers. At present, valuable support is derived from the payments on behalf of patients, nearly a third of the regular income being obtained from this source. It is no part of the Committee's work to pauperise the friends of the patients, and all who can afford it are expected to pay according to their circumstances and requirements. The eleemosynary character of the Institution is not, however, lost

sight of, and payment is never exacted when it would seriously affect the resources of the family.

Again the Committee think it their duty to refer to the potent aid which they have received from the Press, which, during the past year, as in previous years, has given publicity to every matter of general interest relating to the Asylum. Special reference should be made also to an excellent view of the Asylum and to the accompanying description which appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in May last. About the same time, the enterprising proprietors of the *British Architect and Northern Engineer* (published in Manchester) gave a capital view, together with an elaborate description of the building and an interesting account of its establishment. The *Illustrated London News* was the means of making the Asylum extensively known, and, as an example of this, it may be mentioned that in consequence of the sketch and description which appeared in that paper, further inquiries were made of the Committee even from Budapesth, where a similar institution on a very small scale is being promoted. The Institution owes much of its financial success to the generous support of the Press, which has fully reported its proceedings and published the appeals of the Committee. Attention is specially invited to a descriptive article which appeared in the *Manchester Examiner and Times* in December last. It was written by an able member of the staff of that popular paper, who devoted an entire day to a painstaking and thorough inspection of the Asylum, for which he was afforded every facility by the Medical Superintendent and the Secretary. The result is a most impartial and interesting description of its operations.

The following pecuniary Contributions of a special character are gratefully acknowledged :—

The Guardians of the Oldham Union have contributed an additional Annual Subscription of £15 15s., making £21; the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union have given a donation of £15; and the Guardians of the Ormskirk Union £10 10s.

The Oldham Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, have presented a donation of £21; and the Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society, Limited, an Annual Subscription of £5 5s.

The Clerks and Collectors of the Sheffield Gas Company have remitted a donation of £4 5s. 0d. to the funds of the Asylum.

It will be gratifying to the Subscribers to learn that the parents of election cases have in many instances spontaneously and most successfully canvassed for contributions in aid of the Asylum; and the contributions from the two Co-operative Societies previously mentioned were obtained mainly through such exertions.

A very pathetic incident occurred at the Institution last December, when a private concert was given to the afflicted inmates by the justly celebrated Jubilee Singers, a

company of emancipated slaves engaged in the laudable enterprise of raising funds by Concerts for Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, which is an institution intended for the higher education of freed people. The effect of the fine singing upon the poor children who are enthralled both in body and mind, was marvellous; and the memory of the visits still fondly cherished by them.

Another illustration of valuable personal service for the amusement of the patients was a special performance given at the Asylum by Mr. John Hudspeth's dramatic company; and a morning performance of a pantomime for the benefit of the Asylum, had been previously given in Lancaster, realising the sum of £7 12s. 11d., and affording intense amusement to a large number of the patients and staff, who were gratuitously admitted.

During the year three agreeable Concerts have been given at the Asylum by the Singing Class of Mr. Thomas Johnson, Lancaster, a gentleman who devotes his leisure to the instruction of large numbers of young people in vocal music.

Among the numerous and valuable presents received this year, the Committee think it only proper to make special mention of

A handsome Wagonette, for the use of the Invalid Children, from Mr. W. Gilchrist, Coach Builder, Lancaster.

A valuable Semi-grand Pianoforte (Broadwood), from the Rev. R. W. Bosanquet, of Rock, Alnwick;

A new Invalid Chair, from Mrs. F. E. Rawson, of Thorpe, Halifax;

A Bath Chair, from Miss Hulme, Manchester;

Thirty Coloured Prints, from the Proprietors of the *Illustrated London News*.

After a recent visit to the Asylum, Mrs. Turner, the munificent benefactress previously mentioned, expressed a desire to be at the sole cost of a handsome plate-glass case for the large and beautiful Model Ship presented to the Asylum by the workpeople of Mr. Matthew Simpson, Glasson Dock. About £15 had been received in small sums for this purpose from visitors, and the Committee gladly availed themselves of Mrs. Turner's generous offer for the Balance (£25) required.

The Manchester Office—which is usually attended by the General Secretary on Tuesdays—continues to be a convenient means of communication with South Lancashire friends of the Institution, and is a place of ready access for many persons who desire prompt information respecting the admission of patients. It tends also to localise the Institution in a district from which it draws a large number of its patients, and where it has, on all occasions, been most warmly supported.

The Books and Accounts of the Asylum have again been thoroughly audited, and the Committee have much pleasure in referring the Subscribers to the annexed financial statement, the accuracy of which is duly attested. As the operations of the Institution extend, the duties of the Auditors necessarily become more onerous, and the Subscribers owe much to those gentlemen, who, from time to time, kindly undertake to assist the professional Auditor in his complete investigation of the Accounts.

It is with great pleasure the Central Committee here adduce extracts from the encouraging reports of two official visits made to the Asylum this year by the Commissioners in Lunacy. Such reports

cannot but be regarded by the Subscribers as affording very high testimony, from thoroughly independent and impartial judges, of the efficient working of the Institution.

Royal Albert Asylum,

November 22nd, 1875.

“The greater part of the Northern portion of this Asylum is now occupied, and there is consequently an increase in the number of Patients, who are now 251 as against 196 at the last visit (January 12th, 1874).

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“One male patient is absent on leave, but with this exception we have seen all who are now on the books. The medical returns give 12 boys and 8 girls as being at present under medical treatment, the majority of them on account of catarrhal ophthalmia, but otherwise the general health seems good, and the Asylum has been free from any epidemic disorder. The personal condition of both boys and girls was satisfactory, and a proper supply and change of clothing is allowed to each. A great deal has been done in painting the inside of the building since the last visit, and the work is to be continued in those parts still requiring it. The bedding we found in good condition, and due attention seems to be paid to keeping it in proper order. We were present in the school-rooms in either division whilst some of the lessons were being given. At the end of last year two Assistant Teachers were appointed for the Girls’ and Infants’ School, thus giving very material extra help to the schoolmistress, whilst in the other divisions two School Attendants have been selected, whose special duty it is to assist the schoolmaster. The general staff of Attendants has been increased by 3 nurses and 4 domestic servants in the female division, and by three attendants in the male. As many as 90 boys and 32 girls are employed in industrial occupations. Of the former, 9 work as tailors, 8 as shoemakers, 9 as joiners, 27 on the farm and garden, and 19 in hair picking, mat making, and brush filling, and the remainder as shoe cleaners and in the laundry and corridors.”

“The shop where the mat making, etc., is carried on has been added since the last visit. Of the girls, 7 are engaged in bed-making, 16 in house-work, 4 in the laundry, and 5 in sewing and knitting, besides 20 who do this work in the school. Means for the amusement and recreation, as well as for the daily exercise of the inmates, are still amply and regularly provided, and as many as are able continue to attend Church and Chapel on Sundays.”

“We have much pleasure in recognising the progress that has been made since the last visit towards the completion of this Asylum, and we trust that at no distant period the Committee may be in a position to furnish the rooms at present unoccupied, and further to extend the benefits of this important Institution. Our visit has satisfied us of the care and kindness the inmates receive, and of the skill and attention bestowed upon their training and education.”

GREVILLE HOWARD, }
JAMES WILKES, } Commissioners in Lunacy.

Royal Albert Asylum,

March 26, 1876.

“The clothing and general personal condition of all was quite satisfactory, and the cheerful and contented appearance of all showed that the necessary discipline was maintained by kindness. Good reports are made to us of the improvement effected in many of the cases, both mentally and physically, and a good deal of useful work is now done by the inmates. Of the boys, 18 work on the farm and garden, and 28 at such trades as tailors, shoemakers, carpenters, mat and brush making, coir plaiting, &c., 24 are employed in the training shop, and others do domestic work. In all the branches, some of the work done by the boys is very good.”

“Thirty-six of the girls occupy themselves in laundry, kitchen, and household work, and 12 are undergoing industrial training. There are prayers night and morning, and a special service on Sunday, about 175 inmates being usually present, but as many as 40 boys and 12 girls are also taken to a neighbouring church on that day.”

“Amusements seem to be well attended to, and besides games and play, we are glad to find that associated entertainments have been given, and that 150 of both sexes were taken to a pantomime performed in Lancaster a short time ago ”

“It will be seen from the above remarks that we entertain a very favourable opinion of the condition and management of this establishment.”

W. G. CAMPBELL, }
ROBERT NAIRNE, } Commissioners in Lunacy.

During the last two months, the Medical Superintendent (Dr. Shuttleworth) has visited America with the view of making a tour of inspection of the Asylums for Idiots and Imbeciles in that country. In the meantime, the medical charge of the patients has been entrusted to Dr. J. A. Gray, of Edinburgh, and the Committee have been much gratified with the efficient manner in which that gentleman has discharged the duties devolving upon him. Mr. Diggins kindly undertook, in addition to his ordinary laborious duties, the general management of the Asylum, and the Committee feel greatly indebted to him for the able and energetic way in which he has thus promoted the interests of the Institution.

With a view to keep up the home associations and to give the parents an opportunity of testing the progress of the patients, it is one of the regulations that those who have been in the Asylum not less than two years are permitted to visit their friends during the month of August; and the Parents or Guardians are requested to note any improvement or alteration observed in the health, habits, and in the physical and mental condition generally, of the patients. A large number of patients enjoyed last August this privilege of “going home.” and it is with much gratification that the Committee now quote a few extracts from the written testimony of parents or other near relatives. To Dr. Shuttleworth and his worthy staff such testimony must be peculiarly encouraging.

1.—“We consider that our son has made decided improvement since he entered the Asylum. We have had full opportunities of noticing this both physically and mentally. Our friends who have seen him have said how much brighter and better he seemed; he can both dress and undress himself; he remembers well persons whom he has not seen for nearly three years; and he can do several things which he was unable to do when he was last at home. We have found him also intelligently obedient.”

2.—“I feel satisfied that my son has improved both in habits and health, and I think if he improves on he will be able to earn his own living.”

3.—“My son has not those stupid paroxysms as often as formerly. He is more docile and manageable. He has periods of laughing at his meals, which I hope he may yet

overcome. He has improved greatly in mind: he can talk better, and is more sensible. He can spell words such as Father, Sister, Brother, &c."

4.—"My son has gone back to-day to the Royal Albert Asylum, after an absence of three weeks. I, his Father, bear testimony to his being considerably improved in every respect since I saw him a year ago. I was pleased with the progress made in writing, and he can be better understood in talking. His health is good and habits improved."

5.—"I am happy to inform you that my son has improved very much in his habits and intelligence, and also in physical and mental condition. When my son went to the Royal Albert Asylum his habits were quite incorrect, he could not begin to dress himself, and was unsteady in everything he did; but now I am happy to say that his habits are quite correct, and he can dress himself with ease, and his intelligence is wonderful."

6.—"I notice a decided improvement in my grand-daughter's mental condition; her mind is clearer, and she shapes much better for work in general. She speaks of herself as most happy where she is, and is looking forward with pleasure to her return, and I beg to offer you my grateful thanks."

The Royal Albert Asylum has only been in operation since December, 1870, when thirteen patients were admitted, but even that brief period has been quite sufficient to confirm the Committee in the opinion which they expressed at the outset that feeble-minded children may, under judicious care and systematic training, be rescued from a state of sure deterioration, and elevated physically, mentally, and morally; that many, while gaining perceptibly in intellectual and moral power, may be trained to habits of industry, and thus made socially useful, instead of remaining helpless burdens upon the slender resources of their friends and permanent nuisances to society; and that those who cannot reach this standard are still capable of improvement in habits and behaviour. Already there have been several remarkable cases of improvement, and it has been a source of extreme annoyance to the Committee that, in two or three instances of patients who have made great progress in a handicraft, the parents have shown an unscrupulous disposition to profit by it, and have applied for the discharge of the promising pupils long before the completion of the period of training for which they were elected. This is, of course, exceedingly discouraging to the officers and teachers, and an injury to other less promising cases, who are thereby deprived of much healthy stimulus. The Committee refer with great satisfaction to the Medical Superintendent's Report, with its illustrative cases of improvement, and to the appended tables of the scholastic and industrial occupations of the inmates.

The Central Committee are conscious that they have earnestly and faithfully striven for the realisation of the benevolent scheme which they commenced about twelve years ago; and they are proud to acknowledge that a generous public has cordially and liberally supported them. There still remains, however, a considerable Debt, which impedes

their operations, and until that be removed and a Maintenance Fund fully adequate to the necessities of the Institution be obtained, the Committee feel that they must continue their appeals. In reviewing the past, they derive much encouragement for the future ; and they fervently pray that their humble labours may receive the same Divine blessing which has hitherto accompanied them.

EDWARD D. DE VITRE,
CHAIRMAN.



MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

It becomes my duty, with the lapse of another year, to present my Sixth General Report as Medical Superintendent.

Since the 30th of September, 1875, 58 patients (31 Boys and 27 Girls) have been admitted into the Asylum; 9 patients (6 Boys and 3 Girls) have been discharged; and 10 patients (6 Boys and 4 Girls) have died. Beginning the period above-named with 251 patients (177 Boys and 74 Girls), the number has increased to 290 (196 Boys and 94 Girls) at the present date; and the average number resident during the year has been 261.

It may be worthy of remark that although the number of patients of the male sex so much preponderates over that of the females, a large number of the Boys are of the Infant Class, and are associated for purposes of nursing and of instruction with the Girls: the actual number of Senior Boys (*i.e.*, of Boys over 12 years or thereabouts) being 144, and of Girls and Infant Boys together being 146. The Infant Boys are of course entirely under the care of Female Attendants, and, owing to the employment of married couples as Attendants in the Senior Boys' Division, upwards of 50 of the older Boys are also more or less under the domestic charge of women.

There has been a considerable increase lately in the number of the better class of payment cases applying for admission, and some improvements have been effected in the arrangements for their accommodation.

I may perhaps be permitted to advert to one fact in relation to the discharges, *viz.*, that it would seem desirable to establish some safeguard against the capricious removal of patients before their term of training is complete. Parents are sometimes met with who, for their own fancied convenience or comfort, withdraw a child who has attained a certain degree of improvement, but whose permanent benefit is only to be ensured by a full course of training. In the case of a Boy

learning a handicraft, for instance, seven years' instruction, which would be required in an ordinary apprenticeship, is obviously not too long a term for the feeble-minded to grasp the details of a trade.

Persistent epilepsy was the cause of discharge of one poor Girl, whose mental and physical deterioration in consequence of very frequent fits rendered her no longer a suitable inmate of an Institution intended for improvable cases.

The death-rate has this year been low (3.23 per cent., *i.e.* on the whole number under treatment,) and the causes of death have for the most part been those resulting from constitutional morbid tendencies. Considering the low physical type of a large number of the inmates, a remarkable degree of health has been maintained.

The general arrangements of the Institution remain much as at the last Report, the past year not having been marked by any notable change. Some modification has, however, been made in the classification of the Boys for the purposes of school instruction, a larger proportion of them having been brought under the influence of Female Teachers. Drill also has been followed out more systematically, and has proved most valuable in aiding to fix wandering attention, as well as in promoting co-ordination of muscular movement. It is, in fact, oftentimes through the agency of judiciously planned physical exercises that the earliest manifestations of intellectual power are developed.

In the Workshops no new occupation has been introduced, but steady progress has been made in the various trades. The filling of brushes is a branch which has been profitably followed by one or two of the boys for whom a light and cleanly handicraft was deemed desirable, and as a considerable demand exists for these brushes on the part of visitors to the Institution, the occupation may be looked upon as likely to be fairly remunerative.

I cannot pass from the subject of industrial occupations without again taking occasion to insist upon the paramount importance of some judiciously chosen mechanical work in aiding the development of the powers of the feeble-minded. Without wishing to depreciate in any degree the value of school exercises as an essential preliminary to effective industrial training, each year's additional experience confirms the impression that it is by the results of work in the Shops, Farm, and Garden that the ultimate success of the Institution will be gauged. It is gratifying, therefore, to be able to state that of the 30 Boys admitted five years ago to the Asylum, one-third are well advanced in some useful trade or occupation, and another third are making fair industrial progress. A summary of occupations, as well as of school attainments, is, as usual, appended to this Report.

Valuable hints, relating chiefly to the system of school instruction, were given by the Superintendents of American Idiot Asylums, who visited our Institution last year, and subsequently a box of apparatus illustrating modes of rudimentary training pursued in the New York State Idiot Asylum was received from Dr. H. B. Wilbur, Superintendent of that Asylum.

I have recently, with the generous concurrence of the Committee, had the opportunity of making a personal inspection of all the Idiot Institutions (nine in number) in the United States. This is not the place to give a detailed report of my visit, but I may perhaps be allowed to state generally the impressions I have derived therefrom. In the first place, the majority of the Institutions being maintained by their respective State Legislatures, as part of the public educational machinery, only cases presumably educable are received. Epileptics and idiots of very low physical type are, as a rule, excluded, and patients who, after a probationary period, are found unfit subjects for training, are from time to time removed. Consequently the pupils under instruction are (generally speaking) of a higher grade than those seen in British Idiot Asylums. The methods of school instruction pursued display much ingenuity; the school-rooms are excellently appointed; and a large staff of well-trained teachers is everywhere provided. Instruction in handicrafts is not so conspicuous a feature in the American system as with us; but in most Institutions a considerable proportion of the boys are trained for agricultural pursuits. To the American Superintendents generally I am indebted for much interesting information, cordially rendered, which I trust may be of service in the development of our Institution.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my obligations to Mr. Diggins, the Secretary, for his constant and ready co-operation in all that relates to the welfare of the inmates of the Asylum, and more especially for his kindness in undertaking the general duties of superintendence during my recent absence in America.

Again expressing my grateful acknowledgments to the Committee for continued confidence and support,

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

October 9, 1876.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

(NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.)

A. (274).—Aged 17 years, admitted January, 1875. When admitted, a youth of very feeble gait, owing to partial paralysis, articulation very defective, educational acquirements limited to simplest rudiments (knowledge of letters, forming strokes in copybook, and adding units). Now vastly improved in physical health and strength, and able to walk briskly round the grounds by himself; can read and spell easy words, and has recently (with the schoolmaster's help) written a letter home. Can work simple addition sums. Is a willing worker in the weeding class, and always pleased to make himself useful.

B. (210).—Aged 15 years, admitted November, 1873. When admitted thin and not strong, educational attainments rudimentary. Can now read and spell easy words, write a letter with but little assistance, and work simple addition sums. Has been trained to gardening, and can do a variety of useful work, such as setting potatoes, pricking out plants, weeding and raking flower beds, &c., and is thoroughly trustworthy.

C (241).—Aged 15 years, admitted November, 1874. Then a sturdy lad, but restless and inattentive, so that he could not be got to employ himself in any way at home. Knew the letters of the alphabet, and could form them on a slate, and count a little. Now can read and spell easy words, use a copybook, and work simple addition sums. Is making good progress in the tailor's shop, and much steadier in general conduct than formerly.

D. (300).—Aged 14, admitted August, 1875. When admitted, very thin and feeble; uncleanly in his habits; a complete cripple from imperfect power over the muscles of his legs; mute and melancholy-looking. Has now vastly improved in physical condition and in habits; by means of drill and regulated exercise has attained some power of locomotion; is bright and cheerful looking, observant of all that is going on around him, and taking part in the school exercises.

E. (254).—Aged 9, admitted November, 1874. When admitted physically a well-formed child, but owing to irritation of the brain very restless, and had rubbed all the hair off the back of her head. Educational attainments nil. Now a well-conducted, interesting-looking child, without any symptoms of nervous irritation. Is making good progress with reading, writing, and adding; can hem and knit, and make beds; and is always pleased to make herself useful with her companions.



AUDITORS' REPORT.

LANCASTER, OCTOBER 6TH, 1876.

In conducting the audit on the present occasion we would express our deep regret that we have been deprived of the co-operation of Mr. W. Satterthwaite, who was elected as our colleague at the last Annual Meeting, but who has been prevented by illness from undertaking the duties of the appointment.

Our labours have comprehended, as usual, a careful and thorough investigation of all the receipts and payments of the past year as shown in the books of the Institution, the verification of every payment by its proper voucher, and the examination of all the Certificates of the Securities in which the funds of the Sustentation Account are invested. After thoroughly satisfying ourselves on all these points, we have compared with the books from which they are abstracted the accompanying statements of General Account, Maintenance Account, and Sustentation Fund Account, and have appended thereto the usual Certificates of accuracy.

In comparing the General Account and the Maintenance Account with the similar accounts of the preceding twelvemonth, it will be noticed that all but the Building and Furnishing expenditure is now debited to Maintenance Account. During the time that the Asylum was in course of erection, many items were legitimate charges against General Account, but as the establishment of the Institution is now practically completed, the whole of the working expenditure will in future have to be borne by Maintenance Account.

It gives us much satisfaction to report that the total amount of donations promised to the General Fund to the 30th of June, was £101,115 15s. 3d., and that the amount actually received at that date was £100,418 7s. 3d., leaving the comparatively small sum of £697 8s. 0d. uncollected. Of this outstanding amount, more than one-half is the balance of a donation arranged to be paid in equal yearly instalments.

From the fluctuating character of the Annual Subscriptions, the progress in this source of income is to be estimated rather by the actual receipts than by the promises. The receipts for the past year have been £3,143 18s. 5d., as compared with £2,664 11s. 2d. in the previous year—a gratifying increase of £479 7s. 3d.

We are glad to find that the handsome donations of the year, reduce the amount standing to the debit of General Account (for Estate, Buildings, &c.) from £11,656 10s. 7d. to £3,971 7s. 4d. This sum will shortly be increased by an expenditure of £2,000, for Cottages which are now being erected on the Estate, but we hope that the donations of the current year may suffice to cover both these items, so that in future accounts the funds of the Institution may not have to bear any charge for interest on an overdrawn Bank Account.

DAVID DAVIS, Honorary Auditor.
WILLIAM G. WELCH, Auditor, Lancaster.

RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1875, to

										Dr.			MAINTENANCE					
													£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To	Balance,	June	30th,	1875	..	..	..	..	..							1,935 10 4		
„	Annual	Subscriptions	for	1875-6	..	..	..	..	..				3,143 18 5					
„	Payments	for	Patients	..	..	..	..	..	..				2,683 9 0					
„	Interest	on	Sustentation	Fund	Investments	..	..	..	..				2,056 16 4					
„	Interest	on	Maintenance	Account	Deposits	..	..	..	..				366 4 10					
„	Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				209 9 9					
																8,459 18 4		
„	Farm	Produce	sold	..	..	..	..	..	..				9 16 2					
„	Farm	Produce	supplied	to	the	Asylum	..	..	..				483 9 2					
„	Garden	Produce	supplied	to	the	Asylum	..	..	..				138 0 7					
																631 5 11		
„	Balance	due	to	Secretary	..	..	..	..	..							21 15 4		

£11,048 9 11

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 6th, 1876.

DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.
WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1876.

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary June 30th, 1875.. .. .				0	18	7
„ Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Sheffield, and Public Meetings at Bury and Oldham; and of Local Committees.. .. .	81	10	7			
„ Expenses of Elections	102	14	3			
„ Printing Eleventh Annual Report, Public Meeting Reports. Appeals, Local Subscription Lists, Pamphlets, and General Printing and Stationery	320	2	3			
„ General Advertising.. .. .	155	14	7			
„ Postage of Letters, Appeals, Reports, Pamphlets, Voting Papers, &c.	104	14	3			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	128	5	8			
				893	1	7
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices, £864 8s. 11d. } Expenses { Asylum, £2539 8s. 3d. }	3,403	17	2			
„ Provisions .. { Purchased £3,406 7 6 } { From Farm and Garden £621 9 9 }	4,027	17	3			
„ Necessaries— Coals	605	19	8			
Gas	150	19	4			
Water	99	4	6			
General.. .. .	178	16	4			
„ Clothing	474	9	10			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	26	13	2			
„ Workshops	116	16	6			
„ School Expenses	8	19	2			
„ Repairs	46	11	8			
„ Crockery	7	13	2			
„ Carriage and Telegrams.. .. .	9	1	4			
„ Insurance	35	0	3			
„ Sundries	124	3	8			
				9,316	3	0
„ Farm Expenses (including Stock, Implements, &c.) ..	603	15	9			
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses	206	16	3			
				810	12	0
„ Bank Commission, &c.				10	0	2
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank				17	14	7

£11,048 9 11

RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1875, to

GENERAL

Receipts.

			£	s.	d.
To Balance June 30th, 1875 (Freehold Property)	..	..	600	0	0
„ Donations	..	..	7,957	6	7
„ Special Donation for Cottages	..	..	2,000	0	0
„ Interest on Deposits	..	..	21	18	11
„ Rent	..	..	22	0	0
„ Sundries	..	..	44	1	10
„ Balance due to Secretary	..	..	74	17	0
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank..	..	..	3,896	10	4
				10,045	7 4
				3,971	7 4

£14,616 14 8

SUSTENTATION

Dr.

			£	s.	d.
To BALANCE, June 30th, 1875	..	..	48,034	1	7
„ Donations	..	..	267	0	0
„ Legacy	..	..	100	0	0

£48,401 1 7

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 6th, 1876.

DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster, HONORARY AUDITOR.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1876.

ACCOUNT,

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary, June 30th, 1875	74	17	0			
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank	11,581	13	7			
				11,656	10	7
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—						
Slating.. .. .	87	4	0			
Heating Apparatus	49	6	6			
Laundry Fittings	280	0	0			
Gas Fittings.. .. .	21	6	5			
Locks	28	5	11			
Boundary Wall	106	1	6			
Sundries	212	12	9			
				784	17	1
„ FURNITURE:—						
General	348	13	7			
Ironmongery	110	15	2			
House Linen.. .. .	36	16	5			
Bedding.. .. .	427	12	2			
				923	17	4
„ Cottage Account				4	9	4
„ Property Expenses				1	10	9
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				645	9	7
BALANCE:—						
Freehold Property				600	0	0
				£14,616	14	8

FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By INVESTMENTS :—						
£7,000 East Indian Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent	8,007	10	3			
£6,000 Madras Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent..	6,343	0	0			
£1,000 Madras Railway new £20 shares; Interest	1,004	19	4			
at 5 per cent						
£6,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock; Interest at	6,250	0	0			
5 per cent						
£1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway	1,237	8	0			
Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.						
£3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½;	3,225	0	0			
Interest at 4½ per cent.						
South Eastern Railway Stock:						
£3250 Preference, Interest at 5 per cent	6,257	16	10			
£1,850 Preference, „ „ 4½ „						
£800 Fixed „ „ 4½ „						
£1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and	2,703	2	6			
North Western Railway Preference Stock;						
Interest at 10 per cent.						
£1,130 London and North Western Railway	1,372	19	3			
Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent						
£1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire	1,000	0	0			
Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent						
£3,800 Great Western Railway Preference Stock;	4,290	4	0			
Interest at 5 per cent.						
£1,200 North Eastern Railway Preference Stock;	1,212	10	0			
Interest at 4½ per cent						
£845 Furness Railway Preference Stock; Interest	1,133	13	9			
at 6 per cent						
£2,000 Furness Railway Preference Stock; interest	2,070	12	6			
at 4½ per cent						
Purchase of additional Land (10a. 2r. 34p.)				46,108	16	5
Balance at Lancaster Bank				1950	0	0
				342	5	2
				£48,401	1	7

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS,

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Proba- tionary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	102	42	52	94	290
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	1	5	2	4	12
2. Make some attempt	0	16	15	18	49
3. Make a few articulate sounds	0	5	2	8	15
4. Speak indistinctly	21	4	5	1	31
5. Speak fairly	25	2	10	11	48
6. Speak well	55	10	18	52	135
					290
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	15	23	21	21	80
2. Know a few letters	28	12	12	21	73
3. Know all the letters	1	4	5	17	27
4. Know at sight a few words	25	3	9	11	48
5. Read easy words by spelling them	17	0	5	14	36
6. Read fairly	16*	0	0	10	26
<i>* Twenty-six Boys and fifteen Girls read books alone for their own amusement.</i>					290
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble.. .. .	5	31	22	26	84
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	29	10	13	29	81
3. Do. do. in copy book	22	1	7	19	49
4. Form letters in copy book	9	0	8	9	26
5. Write easy words in copy book	25	0	2	9	36
6. Write fairly	12*	0	0	2	14
<i>* Twenty Boys write letters home with assistance, and five others without assistance.</i>					290
<i>124 Letters have been written during the quarter.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	2	23	18	18	61
2. Count a little	29	11	11	15	66
3. Count up to 30.. .. .	17	8	6	23	54
4. Understand value of unit figures.. .. .	29	0	17	19	65
5. Work simple addition sums	20	0	0	19	39
6. Work easy sums in simple rules	5*	0	0	0	5
<i>* One Boy works sums in compound interest, vulgar and decimal fractions, &c.; four others, in the compound rules.</i>					290

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Probationary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	102	42	52	94	290
1. Know neither hours nor minutes	33	29	30	30	122
2. Know some of the hours	24	12	14	23	73
3. Know all the hours	23	1	8	10	42
4. Know the hours and quarters	6	0	0	16	22
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	5	0	0	14	19
6. Can tell the time to a minute	11	0	0	1	12
VI. SHOP LESSON.					290
1. Know no coins nor weights	6	37	30	23	96
2. Know a few coins	21	5	13	20	59
3. Do. do. and weights	10	0	9	12	31
4. Know all the coins and some weights..	38	0	0	21	59
5. Know all the coins and all the weights	16	0	0	7	23
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ..	11	0	0	11	22
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					290
1. Know no colours	11	14	12	12	49
2. Know black and white	8	11	7	13	39
3. Know one or two simple colours	7	9	17	19	52
4. Know all the simple colours	24	8	8	10	50
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	41	0	8	16	65
6. Know and can match most compound shades.. .. .	11	0	0	24	35
VIII. MUSIC.					290
1. No interest in musical sounds	1	0	0	0	1
2. Attentive to do. do.	4	18	15	29	57
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	29	10	15	15	69
4. Do. do. with words	59	14	22	42	137
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	9	0	0	17	26
6. Sing from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
5 boys and 2 girls play musical instruments.					290
IX. DRILL.					
1. Have no idea of drill	1	26	2	4	33
2. Stand at attention when told	5	8	10	10	33
3. Perform simple movements of limbs ..	19	7	9	10	45
4. Go through extension movements fairly	12	0	9	18	39
5. Do. do. well and march	10	1	6	14	31
6. Do. do. do. to music	55	0	16	38	109
					290

NOTE.—Since the last Report the classification of the Boys for purposes of instruction has been revised, so that the numbers given in columns 1 and 2 respectively differ considerably from those in former Reports.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Returns of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.					Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.					In- different.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.									
1. Preliminary Work	1	1	0	0	2	10 Tailors.			
2. Sewing Linings	0	0	2	1	3				
3. Do. Seams	0	1	1	0	2				
4. Felling	0	0	1	0	1				
5. Making Garments	0	0	2	0	2				
6. Machining.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0				
II. SHOEMAKING.									
1. Preliminary Work	0	1	0	0	1	10 Shoemakers			
2. Stitching Backs	0	0	1	0	1				
3. Closing Sides	2	1	1	3	7				
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0				
5. Repairing	0	0	1	0	1				
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	0	0	0				
III. JOINERY.									
1. Preliminary work (use of tools)	1	1	3	1	6	10 Joiners.			
2. Making pins, &c.	0	0	0	0	0				
3. Making frames.. .. .	0	0	1	1	2				
4. Making simple boxes	0	0	0	0	0				
5. Dove-tailing	0	1	1	0	2				
6. Morticing	0	0	0	0	0				
IV. GARDENING.									
1. Preliminary work in weeding-class ..	1	13	1	0	15	Weed- ing Boys 8 Gardeners.			
2. Barrow-filling and emptying.. ..	0	0	0	0	0				
3. Digging	0	0	2	1	3				
4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .	0	2	1	0	3				
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	1	0	1				
6. Potato-setting, &c.	0	0	1	0	1				

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		In- different	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
V. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c..	..	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	.. ..	0	0	0	1	1
3. Feeding stock	.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
4. Weeding amongst crops..	.. .. .	0	0	2	2	4
5. Harvesting						
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking	.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding	.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
6. Milking, &c.	.. .. .	0	1	0	1	2
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c	.. .. .	3	4	7	0	14
2. Plaiting Coir	.. .. .	0	1	0	1	2
3. Mat-making	.. .. .	0	0	2	0	2
4. Brush-filling	.. .. .	2	1	1	0	4
5. Palliasse and Mattress making	.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
6. Basket-making	.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	.. .. .	4	6	3	0	13
2. Corridor-cleaning	.. .. .	0	2	0	0	2
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	.. .. .	0	1	3	0	4
4. Store-work	.. .. .	0	0	0	1	1
5. Messenger	.. .. .	0	0	0	1	1

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations - - - 103.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

18 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School.

Five Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		Number employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		In-different.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
1. Preliminary work—dusting, &c.	.. ..	0	3	2	0	5
2. Bed-making	.. .. .	2	3	4	0	9
3. Scrubbing and general house work	.. .. .	0	3	5	4	12
4. Washing-up crockery and kitchen work	.. .. .	0	0	5	0	5
5. Laundry-work	.. .. .	0	1	3	0	4
6. * Sewing and knitting	.. .. .	0	0	5	0	5

* In school 11 girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 19 hem, 15 sew fairly, 3 sew fairly and knit, and 24 sew fairly, knit, and do wool-work.

Total number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school, 40.

12 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Dr. Allen, Vicar.

Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.

Rev. Dr. Allen, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.

Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.

Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

Rev. R. Atkinson, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.

Rev. W. C. Bache, Longridge Church, Preston.

Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.

Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel, Lancaster.

Rev. Francis Bolton, B.A., High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.

Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Benthams.

Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.

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Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.

Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.

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Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.

Rev. J. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.

Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.

Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.

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Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.

Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.

- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
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 Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
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 Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. E. C. Maclure, Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves, Burnley.
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 Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
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 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creesor, St. John Baptist Church,
 Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1876

Anonymous, Case of Oranges.
 Aronsberg, W., Manchester, 50 Pairs of Spectacles.
 Blades, Mrs., Lancaster, Case of Oranges and Boxes of Sweets.
 Bosanquet, Rev. R. W., Rock, Alnwick, Semi-grand Piano.
 Broadhurst, John, Lancaster, Spruce Fir for Christmas Tree and Evergreens.
 Burrow, Mrs., Lancaster, Hamper of Damsons.
 Chandler, Mrs. H., Grange, Parcel of Music.
 Clay, Abraham, Radcliffe Bridge, Six Pairs of Boots and Remnants of Calico.
 Creighton, Miss, Settle, Parcel of Dolls, Toys, &c.
 Dale, Mrs. John, Leeds, Toys, Books, Desks, &c.
 Dugdale, The Misses, Burnley, Boxes of Dressed Dolls.
 Games, Mrs., and Melson, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls and Woollen Articles.
 "Goldenhaze," Parcel of Old Music, per Editor of "Myra's Journal."
 Hadwen, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrated Papers and Four Engravings for Framing.
 Hadwen, Mrs. and the Misses, Lancaster, Aprons, Baskets, Dressed Dolls, and Woollen Articles.
 Harris, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls, Balls, &c.
 Harvey and Reynolds, Leeds, Toys, Pocket Books, &c.
 Holden, Mrs., Lancaster, Case of Oranges, Sweets, and Woollen Articles.
 Howitt, Thomas, Lancaster, Parcel of Magazines.
 Howitt, Mrs., and Cross, Miss, Lancaster, 50 Knitted Woollen Balls and Cuffs.
 Hulme, Miss, Manchester, Bath Chair.
 Jeffers, the Misses, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, &c.
 Kellett, Mrs., Lancaster, Sweets and Christmas Tree Ornaments.
 Kerr and Jubb, Halifax, India Rubber Toys.
 Mason, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys.
 Micklethwaite, Mrs., and Thompson, Mrs., Wakefield, One Dozen Reins and Bells, and One Scrap Book.
 Paley, E. G., Lancaster, Ten Picture Frames.
 Proprietors of "Illustrated London News," 30 Coloured Prints.
 Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Halifax, Boxes of Dolls, Toys, Beads, &c., and Bundle of Manufacturer's Patterns.
 Robinson, Miss, Lancaster, Exercising Chair.
 Roper, William, Small Printing Press and Founts of Type.
 Shaw, Mrs., Manchester, Dolls, Toys, &c.
 Sherriff, Mrs., Lancaster, Dressed Dolls.
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. C., Preston, Hamper of Toys.
 Storey, Mrs. Thomas, Lancaster, Box of Wooden Animals.
 Thompson, Robert, Lancaster, Small Model of Ship.
 Thornhill, Mrs. and Misses, Lancaster, Doll and Knitted Woollen Articles.
 Turner, Jonathan, Lancaster, Parcel of Drawing Copies.
 Tyler, The Misses, Lancaster, Parcel of Clothes and Children's Balls.
 W. L., per W. G. Welch, Lancaster, Books.
 Wane, Dr., Morecambe, One Volume of "Graphic" and One Volume of "Illustrated London News."
 Welch, The Misses, Lancaster, Toys.
 Whittaker, R. H., Milnthorpe, Volumes of "Illustrated London News."
 Wilkin, Mrs. A., Bootle, Two Framed Water Colour Drawings.
 Wilson, G. E., Milnthorpe, Four Vols. "Illustrated News."

A Donation of Five Guineas entitles a Subscriber to one Vote for Life, in the election of patients, and an Annual Subscription of a Guinea to two Annual votes. Votes to increase in the same proportion for higher sums.

Collecting Purses may be had on application to the Secretary. Every Five Guineas obtained will entitle the Collector to a Life Vote.

ALL THE BANKS IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Early intimation of money so paid should be sent to the Secretary (Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster), in order that the usual official acknowledgment may be made.

CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1871 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
14,728	14,724	29,452

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1683	1693	3376
YORKSHIRE	1370	1290	2660
DURHAM	312	302	614
CHESHIRE	335	357	692
NORTHUMBERLAND	246	209	455
CUMBERLAND	129	87	216
WESTMORLAND	48	43	91
Total of the District	4123	3981	8104

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20 returned in the Seven Northern Counties was 2018. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named.

Name.	Population.	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots and Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND	22,712,266	29,452	771	25·9
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	7,198,847	8,104	888	22·5
LANCASHIRE	2,849,259	3,376	844	23·7
YORKSHIRE	2,395,569	2,660	900	22·2
DURHAM	742,205	614	1209	16·5
CHESHIRE	539,785	692	780	25·6
NORTHUMBERLAND.	386,646	455	850	23·5
CUMBERLAND	220,253	216	1019	19·6
WESTMORLAND	65,130	91	715	27·9

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties, which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties. Twenty two of the cases returned in Lancashire were removed to the Royal Albert Asylum from other Counties in the District.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General and Sustentation Funds, and Annual Subscriptions),
FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND
PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Sub-		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	12464	18	5	275	9	6
MANCHESTER (2)	8707	9	0	234	13	0
LIVERPOOL (3)	8462	4	1	116	4	0
BRADFORD (4)	7119	18	3	219	9	0
ROCHDALE (5)	5012	3	0	216	11	6
LEEDS (6)	4085	19	2	119	14	6
PRESTON (7)	2987	9	2	59	17	0
HALIFAX (8)	2886	14	1	216	17	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE &c.) (9)	2692	7	7	139	2	6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	2531	6	6	95	17	0
KENDAL (10)	2214	5	6	67	13	0
SHEFFIELD	2103	5	3	182	14	6
YORK (11)	2058	2	6	18	7	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	1796	11	10	51	9	0
OLDHAM	1253	16	0	69	16	6
SKIPTON	1118	12	7	45	8	0
SETTLE	1083	10	9	25	4	0
BOLTON	1057	6	0	56	3	6
DURHAM	1000	2	9	186	11	0
WAKEFIELD (12)	929	10	7	21	8	6
HUDDERSFIELD	856	18	6	62	3	0
BURNLEY	756	10	0	19	3	6
WARRINGTON	755	17	6	31	10	0
KEIGHLEY	701	11	0	5	0	0
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	700	15	6	38	6	6
DARLINGTON	631	8	6	72	6	0
KIRKBY LONSDALE	628	11	0	5	15	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	556	2	0	11	11	0
SOUTHPORT	541	12	4	39	2	0
BURY	507	9	4	35	1	6
WIGAN	425	9	0	56	3	6
SUNDERLAND	285	11	0	50	6	6
SCARBOROUGH	280	19	0	11	19	6
SELBY	273	11	0	0	10	6
ST. HELENS	241	15	0	39	7	6
HULL	229	18	0	5	5	0
WHITBY	200	2	9	2	12	6
ROTHERHAM	194	7	6	22	9	6
HARTLEPOOL	124	15	6	41	4	2
DONCASTER	116	6	6	10	10	0
SOUTHSHIELDS	69	2	6	48	17	6
MIDDLESBROUGH	63	0	0	7	17	6
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED	45	16	6	7	12	0
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	37	15	0	8	0	0
WEST HARTLEPOOL	30	7	6	26	8	0

JAMES DIGGENS,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 30th, 1876.

- (1) The Lancaster donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton; £1050 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co.; and £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company.
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